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August 26, 1947.

Dr. Thomas E. Jones, Prest.,
Earlham College,
Richmond, Indiana.

Dear Friend:--

Here's a letter that perhaps will not need any attention, or maybe you can just refer it to somebody else and not let it take you a minute.

I have just heard from South Glens Falls, New York, where my daughter and her husband are hoping to send both their daughters for the coming year, but find themselves financially embarrassed, believe it or not, since the salary of a Quaker pastor in a small church is not overly high, as you know, and two girls in college at a time -- well.

They'd like to borrow \$250.00 to \$300.00 to help finance Bertha May's expenses for her senior year. After her graduation she expects to teach somewhere for two years and pay off her obligations.

I do not know whether Earlham College has any student loan fund or not. Pacific College has some thousands of dollars in three different funds, and there has never been a time when we could not help a worthy student with a loan, in recent years, that is, since I built up those loan funds. In addition we have a fund of \$25,000.00 the income of which is available for "grants-in-aid", outright gifts to the right students. And there are other ways in which we can help the right kind of student. Well, if Earlham College has such resources that might be available, I wish that the Pearson family could know about it. You have the name and address of Bertha May's father, Dr. Cecil E. Pearson, 13 Marion Avenue, South Glens Falls, New York. (He got his Ph.D. this last June, after working toward it for 25 years, and that and a serious illness earlier this year have helped to deplete the Pearson resources.)

With the hope that if there are any such means as I have suggested from which Bertha May might secure a loan the Pearsons may know about it, and with assurance that I shall appreciate anything that may be done for them, I am

Sincerely your friend,

Levi T. Pennington.

Yes, I have found it possible to get back to Richmond for the Centennial celebration. Sorry that Rebecca cannot come with me, but she has not been too well, and feels that she'd better not undertake the trip.